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Dear Mr. Alloucherie:

Thank you for your letter of 10 October requesting an interview with me or one of my assistants for publication in Le Soleil. I do believe it is incumbent upon us to explain to the American public the functions and activities of their Central Intelligence Agency and Intelligence Community, while at the same time maintaining the necessary secrecy of the sources and methods of our intelligence. I attach for your information some recent remarks I made which elaborate on this a bit.

I am sure you will understand, however, that it is necessary for us to limit the number of interviews given. I therefore regret that I must decline your kind invitation. We do appreciate your interest in the intelligence field, and I am sorry that my response cannot be more favorable.

Sincerely,

/s/ W. E. Colby

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Director

Attachment

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NOTE: Attachment was DCI speech of 13 September 74 at the Fund for Peace Conference, including supplementary remarks on Chile and Argentina.